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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Hypnotic Telepathic Communication



The attached article from the Chimes Publication of June 1966, was given to Mr. Kimsey by Cleve Baxter. Baxter had indicated that he would be willing to undertake further research in this area and would welcome a grant from the Agency to cover the expenses.

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JUNE 1966 CHINES

pecially for Truth Seekers

SCIENCE FOSTERS FAITH

"Banish every idea that science has ever invaded, touched, or had anything to do with the realm of religion. Let it forever depart from your minds that the scientific truths of this or any age have affected in the smallest degree the faith of the human spirit that turns to God. Not only has that realm not been affected, but whatever science has done or has claimed to do in that direction is to clear the dogmas and creeds away, and faith will have more room in the world." Thus, from *The Weekly Discourse** containing Spiritual Sermons by Cora L.V. Richmond, written in 1890, we see the more important parapsychological research is contributing—in its own way—to the expansion and freedom of the mind.

SOVIET PSYCHIC SCIENTIST PASSES

News from Dr. Gerda Walther, noted German psychic researcher, was reported in the March 26th edition of the *Psychic News*, English weekly newspaper; that she had learned from his son of the passing of 74-year-old Leonid Vasiliev, Professor of Physiology and founder of the Soviet Union's first telepathic laboratory at Leningrad University.

Even in the shadow of the Stalin regime when heretical thought brought banishment and worse, Vasiliev did not hesitate to pursue his investigations. Three of his books even became best-sellers in that "citadel of materialism," and since have been translated into English, French and Bulgarian. A 400,000 edition trilogy was sold as soon as it appeared in the Soviet Union, yet the results of his researches were suppressed by Stalin for over twenty years. His experiments in mental suggestion at first were officially encouraged by the Russian government, then the work shelved in the '30's... probably suppressed... until interest was revived in 1959 after rumors had been spread concerning American military and naval interest in such matters, according to C.C. Gregory, noted researcher and English translator of his books. Vasiliev's experiments in hypnotic telepathic communication have been described by British researcher, H.J. Eysenck,

as *crucial* in importance. "Vasiliev," he wrote, "seems to have established a means of telepathic communication which is reproducible, works with considerable accuracy, and is not subject to alternative explanations..." The potential of this method of communication of late has received much research impetus from space scientists for its use by astronauts during space flights. Admired and respected for his courageous achievements by American researchers, noted pioneer, Dr. J.B. Rhine, formerly of Duke University, has stated: "If most astrophysicists foresaw that the first human being to be sent into space would be sent by Russia, no Western parapsychologist ever foresaw that it would be a Russian university that would be the first to establish a state financed laboratory."

"Psychic discoveries are of such importance," Vasiliev has stated, "that it is inconceivable science should ignore them. They place a burden on scientists to investigate further until the question is cleared up."

The Russian scientist's interest in psychic matters first was aroused at the age of twelve when he nearly drowned while at play when his parents were away... yet his mother knew all about it for she had dreamed the whole happening. For sixty years thereafter, Leonid Vasiliev maintained his interest in the phenomena of the human psyche, during which time he published papers and books on the subject totaling around one hundred fifty.

"MAN IS A SPIRITUAL BEING" SAYS M.D.

Speaking before the Council of Psychosynthesis in Education at London, England, Dr. W.M. Ford Robertson, O.B.E., M.D., stated that "man is a spiritual being with a superconscious and a higher self." Describing psychosynthesis, a growing international movement embracing man's supernormal capacities, the doctor described it as not a particular doctrine or a single technical procedure, but a combination of several methods developing an integration of the personality, resulting in "the realization of a higher self... adoption of right relationships with others... and release of a creative potential."